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Office Action Summary

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ZHAO, RUI

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Anil Khatri

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Whitehill et al* USPN 6,708,329.

Regarding claims 1, 2, 16, 23 and 24

Whitehill et al teaches;

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- a description file for describing a host protocol specification defining an environment in which the application is operated, the description file containing a project object corresponding to the host protocol specification (figure 5, column 7, lines 8-23, “ the EMA files... those elements”);

- the project object describing a message structure that is compatible with the host protocol specification (column 7, lines 60-67, “this mapping... system plate form”); and

- a host simulator coupled to the description file, being adaptable in response to accessing the project object, for communicating a message with the application, the host simulator describing the message by a dual representation technique in which a first representation of the message provides a flattened version of the message, and a second representation of the message provides a hierarchical version of the message (figures 5, 6, column 7, lines 25-52, “ the process file..ICI information”, column 8, lines 29-34, “the data file... message queue”).

Regarding claims 3 and 17

Whitehill et al teaches;

- the at least one communication protocol is selected from the group of TCP/IP, named pipes and X.25. (column 5, lines 5-12, “communicating via... desired target system”),

Regarding claim 4

Whitehill et al teaches;

- hierarchical markup language is used in the description file for message definition and description (column 9, lines 57-67, “ files created Process is...”).

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Regarding claims 5 and 15

Whitehill et al teaches;

- the hierarchical markup language is XML (column 5, lines 10-14, these modules... target system”).

Regarding claims 6, 7, 8 and 18

Whitehill et al teaches;

the first representation of the message is used for data evaluation, and wherein the second representation of the message is used for display (column 6, lines 57-67, “the translation system... each packet formatted....”, column 7, lines 15-24, “the EMA file... those element”, column 8, lines 45-66, “each process file name.... Corresponding template”).

Regarding claims 9-14 and 19-21

Whitehill et al teaches;

- the message field characteristics are selected from the group of name, size, position, and default value (column 8, lines 1-14, “a particular packet... described above”, lines 15-34, “the environment file... message queue”).

Regarding claim 22

Whitehill et al teaches;

- the predetermined input is selected from the group of a predetermined message and a user request (column 8, lines 18-34. “the environment data is utilized... element message queue”).

Conclusion

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- USPN 5761486
- USPN 6530065
- USPN 6279060

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil Khatri whose telephone number is 703-305-0282. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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